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TOPIC Arrival at Wittstock of units of the 18th Lech Div

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REMARKS

25X1 1. On 29 April 1954, a shipment of 15 armored scout cars, 22 trucks, 3 radio vehicles and 2 ambulances was detrained at the Wittstock railroad station. The vehicles left toward Dranse.

2. Between 28 April and 3 May, the following troop trains passed through the Wittstock railroad station, coming from the direction of Pritzwalk and proceeding toward Dranse:

28 April. At 11 p.m., 16 trucks, 4 x 37-mm AA guns, 60 guns, presumably mortars; and 27 boxcars occupied by troops.

29 April. At 12:20 p.m., 6 T-34 tanks, 18 trucks, 12 sedans and 5 boxcars occupied by troops.

At 4 p.m., 16 pontoons, 12 trucks and 36 boxcars occupied by troops.

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25X1 3 May. At 11:45 a.m., 9 SU-100 guns, 2 x 37-mm AA guns, 37 trucks and 7 boxcars occupied by troops. []

25X1 At 4:35 p.m., 6 x 37-mm AA guns, 1 armored scout car, 19 trucks and 8 boxcars occupied by troops. []

25X1 On and after 4 May, [] neither unloadings at, nor shipments passing through, the Wittstock railroad station.

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25X1 Comment. [] 13 shipments of units of the 18th Lech Div as early as between 24 and 28 April. [] With the trains mentioned in this report, the number of shipments observed totals 19, the number of T-34 tanks increased to 141 tanks and the number of SF guns to 33 guns. The engineer shipment probably involved units of the 348th Engr Bn which []

25X1 [] were observed on a train in Ludwigslust in the morning of the same day. The battalion can thus be confirmed until 29 April 1954. The two trains in early May are believed to have carried stragglers. With the 33 shipments indicated by railroad records, the movement thus involved a total of 55 shipments.

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